



## **ABOVE GROUND POOL CHECKLIST**

### **TOWN OF SEEKONK BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**All permit packages must be complete including all of the below listed items before being submitted to the Building Department for review. Incomplete packages will not be accepted or held pending missing documentation and will be returned to the applicant.**

- ✓ **BOARD OF HEALTH** – Approval will be processed by the Building Department upon receipt of complete application package
- ✓ **CONSERVATION** – If there are wetlands on or near your build site we recommend visiting the Conservation Agent for review so that any additional setbacks may be added as required on Certified Plot Plan. Approval will be processed by the Building Department upon receipt of complete application package.
- ✓ **CERTIFIED PLOT PLAN** – Showing proposed pool location as well as all existing structures with actual measurements to setbacks per Town of Seekonk Zoning By-Law section 5.1.4 and any required Conservation buffer zones.
- ✓ **BUILDING DEPARTMENT** –
  - Building permit application
  - Workers Compensation Insurance Affidavit
  - Copy of contractor license & Certificate of Insurance (*if applicable*)
  - Homeowner Exemption Affidavit (*if applicable*)
  - Dig Safe #
  - Earth Removal Special Permit
- ✓ **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** –
  - Detailed rendering of pool – must state that pool is designed & constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-4 listed in Section AG108.
  - Details on safety gates with self-close & self-lock mechanisms
  - Details on locking ladder

A separate Electrical permit is required for wiring & grounding of the pool

## **POOL FENCING / BARRIER REQUIREMENTS**

### **Fencing or barriers:**

Residential Outdoor Swimming pools, Hot tubs, or Spas require a barrier/fence that is at least 48" minimum above grade on the side that faces away from the pool. Where the top of the pool structure is located above grade, such as an above ground pool, the barrier may be at the ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted to the top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted to the top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4".

Where the above ground pool structure is used as a barrier, or where the barrier is mounted to the top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder/steps, the ladder/steps shall be capable of being secured, locked, or removed to prevent access, **or** the ladder/step shall be surrounded by a approved fence/barrier. When the ladder/steps are secured, locked, or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4" sphere.

The maximum clearance between the grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2". Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4" diameter sphere.

Fencing with vertical members shall not have spacing greater than 1 3/4 ".

Fencing with diagonal member shall not have spacing greater than 1 3/4".

Chain link mesh fencing shall have a maximum square opening size of 2 1/4".

Access gates shall comply with the above requirements, and shall be equipped with to accommodate a locking device. All access gates shall open outwards away from the pool, and shall be self closing with a self latching device. On gates where the release mechanism is located less than 54" from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate and be at least 3" below the top of the gate, and the gate/barrier shall have no openings larger than 1/2" within 18" of the release mechanism.

*Source: International Residential Code 2009*

*Appendix G- Sections AG103, 104, 105*

## **POOL HEATER REQUIREMENTS**

All pool heaters shall be equipped with a readily accessible on-off switch that is mounted on the outside of the heater that allows the heater to be shut off.

Gas fires pool heaters shall not be equipped with constant burning pilot lights.

Time switches or other control methods that can automatically turn off and on heaters and pumps to a preset schedule shall be installed on all heaters and pumps.

Heated pools and permanent in-ground spas shall be provided with a vapor retardant cover. EXCEPTION: Pools that derive over 70% of their energy from site recovered energy such as a heat pump or solar energy.

*Source: International Mechanical Code 2009 R403.9*